

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHIEF
ROBERT SEARS

HON. JACKY ROSEN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robert Sears, a longtime Boulder City resident, public servant, and former fire chief.

Chief Sears first became a volunteer fireman in 1951. He moved to Richfield, Ohio in 1960 where he was appointed Fire Chief, the youngest chief ever appointed in Ohio at the time, and in 1969 accepted the Fire Chief position in Boulder City, Nevada.

Among his many achievements, he reduced fire insurance rates from a class 9 city to a class 3 and was the driving force behind "Operation Heart Start" which increased the save-rate of cardiac emergencies to well above the national average. Additionally, under his command, BCFD developed into one of the best trained and equipped fire departments in Nevada.

Chief Sears retired after 21 years of service to the BCF, but continued to serve the public. He worked tirelessly for the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce, and he volunteered his time serving as President of the Nevada Fire Chief's Association, President of the Southern Nevada First Chiefs Association, Vice President of the Western First Chiefs Association, Chairman of Clark County Fire Prevention Council, Chairman of the Nevada Division of the American Health Association, Chairman of the Nevada Fire Training Board and a member of the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club. Chief Sears additionally served 35 years as a member of the Civilian Military Council at Nellis Air Force Base and on the Military Academy Selection Committee for Nevada's Third Congressional District.

Robert Sears was an inspiration to all those he worked with, and everyone he encountered. He encouraged others as a mentor and with his strong work ethic. He taught others how to be calm under pressure, shared his vast wisdom, and was an extraordinary and selfless person. He will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL HOUSE SHELTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chapel House Shelter, a nonprofit organization that serves homeless individuals in Cayuga County. On December 2, this wonderful organization celebrated 10 years of helping members of our community get back on their feet.

Founded in 2007 under the direction of Father Dennis Shaw and Executive Director Sandi Mettler, Chapel House provides a compassionate response to homelessness in Cayuga County. Once operating out of the gymnasium of the former Holy Family School on North Street, Chapel House has expanded and now provides emergency housing and services for men in a three-story, wood-frame house on Franklin Street.

Today, this nonprofit organization relies on the support of 14 full-time employees and 20 volunteers led by Executive Director Christina Thornton, as well as the generosity of individuals and businesses within the community. Thanks to the support of so many in our community, Chapel House Shelter is able to pursue its mission to provide our homeless neighbors with emergency shelter and the tools for self-sufficiency in a safe and respectful manner.

This phenomenal group has helped over 1,500 people find a warm place to sleep at night, fed the hungry, and offered a sense of security for those in need. In the last five years, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Chapel House has assisted over 75 veterans.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the 10 year anniversary of Chapel House, and thank Executive Director Thornton, her employees, and volunteers for all they do to help support those in need and alleviate homelessness.

HONORING COACH CHRIS WYRICK FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Chris Wyrick from Jefferson City, Missouri on his recent induction into the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Coach Wyrick graduated from Helias Catholic High School and helped lead the Crusaders to three state championships. After his high school graduation, he played for the University of Missouri, then professionally for the St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers. His coaching career began in St. Elizabeth, Missouri from 1997 to 1999 as an assistant. Coach Wyrick then returned to his alma mater, Helias Catholic High School where he's been since 2000.

Over the last 20 years Coach Wyrick's achievements are nothing short of incredible. He has a 336-210 overall record, a Class 3 State Championship in 2000 and 2001, and District Championships in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2012, 2016, and 2017. During this time he has coached 108 all-district players and 41 all-state players. In 2000, Coach

Wyrick was awarded Coach of the Year by the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association and the following year he received the same honor from the Greater St. Louis MLB Scouts Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations.

More important than the accolades, Coach Wyrick has touched the lives of countless young athletes. Many players and individuals have praised the skills of Coach Wyrick not only because of his success on the field, but because he consistently puts his players first. This has been a key component of his coaching career and has paved the way for a long-standing trust between him and generations of Missouri ballplayers. Of the hundreds of athletes he has coached over the years, 42 of them have gone on to play for college teams. Coach Wyrick's mentality can be summed up in his own words: "as a coach, you hope you have some influence on a player's life to when they hit adversity, they get through it and come out better on the other side." Coach Wyrick has been supported throughout the years by his loving wife, Janie, and their three children, Emma, Erin, and Sam.

Please join me in congratulating Coach Wyrick for a well-deserved induction into the Missouri High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

SALUTE TO HOUSTON BOY SCOUTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts of the Sam Houston Area Council live up to the Boy Scout motto, selflessly giving back to others and embodying the true spirit of what it means to be a Boy Scout. The Sam Houston Area Council serves over 50,000 youth in 16 counties throughout Southeast Texas. The troops in the Houston area are dedicated to service and leadership. This year, the Scouts are partnering with Super Bowl of Caring to do what a Boy Scout does best, give back to their local community. The program is called "Scouting for Food," which began on January 28th. The Boys Scouts went door to door, distributing door hangers in neighborhoods to announce an upcoming food drive. The project lasted through February 3rd, with Scouts returning to pick up any donations available in the neighborhoods. The donations will be going directly to food pantries, food banks, and churches in the Scouts' local neighborhoods. This is, without a doubt, a welcome to those who struggle to make ends meet and need help putting food on the table. In 2016, the Scouts collected an impressive 200,000 pounds of food. The Boy Scouts are hoping to top that this year. There is no doubt, with their determination and grit, they will easily reach that goal. The Boy Scout's promise is "to help other people at all times." This is a shining example of helping others out who

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